

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Mike Honda (D-CA) today released the following statement regarding passage of a \$10.5 billion emergency supplemental spending bill to provide disaster relief for Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama as the Gulf Coast struggles to recover from the effects of Hurricane Katrina:

“As soon as the deadly threat posed by Hurricane Katrina became apparent, Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi publicly called for a special session of Congress to get to work and send relief to the victims struggling in the Gulf Coast. I am pleased that Republican leadership has finally answered Leader Pelosi’s call and convened the U.S. Congress to pass this emergency funding measure, which will deliver more than \$10 billion for the people suffering in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama.

Passage of today’s emergency funding bill sends a bipartisan signal to the victims of this natural disaster that we hear their calls and are doing all we can to respond. We are all devastated by what has happened, and we must all pull together to help those who are facing the greatest challenges in their attempts to recover and respond to the wreckage in Katrina’s wake.

In times of hardship, Americans come together to help each other. Time is of the essence, and each of us must do what we can to respond to this natural catastrophe.

For residents of California’s 15th Congressional District, the following organizations are equipped to handle whatever donations you might have to offer:

American Red Cross – Santa Clara County
2731 North First Street, San Jose, 95134 - (408) 577-1000
<http://www.santaclaravalley.redcross.org>

Silicon Valley Volunteer Exchange
1922 The Alameda Suite 100 San Jose, CA 95126 (408) 247-1126
www.vcsv.us
Contact Richard Vega

Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County
2625 Zanker Road, Suite 200, San Jose, CA 95134-2107 (408) 468-0100
<http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/news/katrina.cfm>

Links advising on Consumer Protection:

<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/pubs/alerts/katrinaarlt.htm>
<http://ag.ca.gov/charities/>